

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 589

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Annie McGill Hardison
for her committed service as a volunteer in
Maury County.

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of the members of this General Assembly to recognize those venerable community servants who devote themselves to perpetuating the common good; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Annie McGill Hardison, a volunteer of the highest order who has worked diligently with various community service organizations for the betterment of her fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Annie McGill was born to George and Lessie Knox McGill in February 1939 in Columbia; after graduating from Carver Smith High School, she attended Columbia State Community College before transferring to Middle Tennessee State University to earn her Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work; and

WHEREAS, just as she has done in her volunteer efforts throughout the years, Ms. Hardison dedicated her professional career to serving those in need and at risk; she worked for many years with the State of Tennessee as a juvenile probation officer, taking her much-deserved retirement in 2008; and

WHEREAS, an invaluable community leader, Annie Hardison has played an integral role in several organizations throughout her community. For the past fifteen years, she has volunteered with Maury County Concerned Citizens, helping organize neighborhood watches in areas where drive-by shootings and open drug deals were prevalent; the organization also assists parents who accompany their children to court hearings, takes part in Individualized

Education Plan meetings at local schools, and serves as a voice for the elderly regarding their concerns for the community; and

WHEREAS, as a member of Maury County Concerned Citizens, Ms. Hardison helped organize a neighborhood block party, an event that brought the community together to openly pledge partnership with law enforcement in an effort to deter crime in the area; the event saw real results, as the crime rate dropped soon thereafter; and

WHEREAS, Annie Hardison is also a member of People Helping People Together, which assists low-income elderly neighbors who have homes in need of repair, ensuring that their homes are safe, warm, and dry; as director of the selection committee for the organization, she makes home visits to assess individual needs and distribute applications; and

WHEREAS, as a member and community liaison with the NAACP, Ms. Hardison strives to ensure that the organization teams with other community groups in an effort to meet the needs of the poor and disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, Annie Hardison is a stalwart advocate for those struggling with alcoholism and addiction; as a recovering alcoholic of thirty-one years herself, she has sponsored hundreds of young women in Maury County, who in turn have gone on to sponsor others. Many times, she has opened her door to provide respite to those in need of a safe, drug-free environment, and she has volunteered at The Discipleship House in Mt. Pleasant and Mercy House; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished author, Ms. Hardison is a prolific poet and playwright who started the SistaGirls, a team that performs anecdotal plays on the topic of brotherly love, and she has a book forthcoming, titled *Laugh a Little, Cry a Little*; and

WHEREAS, often honored for her good work, Ms. Hardison has received the Governor's Volunteer Award and has been named a Tennessee Ambassador of Goodwill; and

WHEREAS, a member of Carmack Boulevard Church of Christ, Annie Hardison is a woman of devout faith who has been a Christian for nearly seven decades; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hardison's servant-hearted leadership is a testament to the power of redemption and of empathy in action, and it is fitting that she be recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Annie McGill Hardison for her dedicated, benevolent volunteer service in Maury County, extending our sincere best wishes for her continued success and happiness in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.